of excellence, promote Centres of Excellence in Universities around gifted scientists and engineers, grant autonomy to Science & Engineering Colleges with a proven track record, etc. The reports are under evaluation. These recommendations have also been taken into consideration by the Working Group for 8th plan on Higher Education appointed by the Planning Commission.

Reduction of seats for Tamil medium students in Central Hindi Directorate

1984. SHRI N. RAJANGAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of admissions to Tamil medium Certificate and Diploma courses in the Central Hindi Directorate have been brought down to 3000 and 1000 respectively, from the next session, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that recently 26 posts were sanctioned for Correspondence courses in the Directorate, out of which not a single post was given to Tamil section, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that persons who are not qualified in Tamil have been promoted as Assistant Education Officers in Tamil Section where all the teaching material is produced in Tamil language only; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) The number of admissions to correspondence courses in different media in Central Hindi Directorate is determined on the basis of intake capacity and availability of resources.

(b) Out of the 26 additional posts sanctioned for correspondence courses unit of Central Hindi Directorate, 13 have since been earmarked for Tamil medium courses.

(c) Only one officer not proficient in Tamil language but otherwise eligible has been appointed as Assistant Education Officer on ad-hoc basis with the prior concurrence of Department of Personnel and Training keeping in view the exigencies of work pending regular arrangements. However, one Tamil knowing Assistant Director has also been posted in Tamil Unit by internal arrangement for production of teaching material.

Employees on ad-hoc/regular posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1985. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Category-wise posts sanctioned on 1-4-1989 in each of the 15 Regional Offices of Kendriya Vidayalya Sangathan ;

(b) what is the number of employees as on 1-4-1989 which are working as ad-hoc/regular incumbent ;

(c) whether any person is allowed to continue on ad-hoc basis beyond six months;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not regularising their services; and

(e) whether ad-hoc appointments are also made in Groups A & B ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b) A state-